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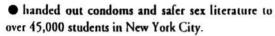
Youth Education Life Line is the committee of ACT UP that focuses on teen issues in the AIDS crisis.

We are a body of diverse, articulate, in-your-face activists fighting for students' rights to comprehensive AIDS education, free condoms, dental dams, and clean needles in the New York City schools.

Our members represent a cross-section of the multicultural society we live in today: women, men, queers, straights, young and old, HIV+, HIV-, ethnic and other minorities. We do not discriminate.



## lince its creation in 1989. yell has...



• forced the NYC Board of Education to expand AIDS education by Fall 1991, including a condom availability program on the high school level.

• represented youth at the International Conferences on AIDS in Amsterdam & Berlin, and testified before the National Commission on AIDS in 1993, as well as countless other public hearings.

met with NY State Commissioner of Health Mark Chassin, Board of Ed member Dr. Luis Reyes, as well as other health and education officials.

 seized Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden's office, confronted Governor Mario Cuomo, and committed other acts of civil disobedience to force politicians to address the AIDS crisis rampant among teens.

mobilized students, parents, teachers, and other AIDS activists in Fall 1992 to strike down the Board of Ed's Resolution 33, a "morality oath" that censored AIDS educators and forced them to stress abstinence as the only "appropriate pre-marital protection" against HIV infection.

 targeted the Board of Education's AIDS Advisory Council in 1994 and demanded a comprehensive AIDS curriculum for the public schools.



New York Connections December 1990

"Act Up, Fight Back.."

## Teens Fighting AIDS

arly every Tuesday morning, Ani Adishian, 17, of Barnstable Academy stands in front of a different New York City high school and passes out condoms to the students on their way to school. The condoms come taped inside a flyer entitled, "AIDS: What You Need to Know.

"We're saving lives when we do it." said Adishian. "Basically, the Board of Education is doing the... So we feel we have to be out there."

Adishian is a member of The AIDS selition To Unleash Power (ACT UP). a group of activists dedicated to suppling AIDS through this kind of direct action.

#### TUDENTS ASK FOR XTRA CONDOMS

While they did have trouble once with me arhest security guards. Adishian at that both the multima and many achers are granded. "They thank us for ing there and (some multima) ask for tre condoms," she said.

Them weekly actions or "tape" are projects of ACT UP's Youth Education UfeLine (YELL), a group working for AIDS awareness and prevention among

At 16, M. Paul Selly, of Harvey Milk HS, is the youngest member of ACT UP nationwide. He is also very active in

just one weekend he lost four friends to AIDS. "I keep fighting for my friends and anyone who is sick." Adishian said that she has been dealing with AIDS for as long as she can remember. Her father worked at Channel 1) during the seventies "Everybody in the Art Department was gay except for my father," Adishian recalls. "I grew up with these people...all of them are gone now." She said they started dying in the now." She said they started dying in the late seventies before snybody knew what AIDS was. "I remember my dad saying in a doctor, 'How come you don't know why he's sick? This is the 1970s." "Now," she said, "I can't even count on my fingers the number of people I know and have been close to that have died."

#### THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING ENOUGH

Pat Lan, 18, a freshman at Rutgers University, didn't know anyone person-ally when he got involved a year and a half ago. He had to do a report for health class and decided on homosexuality as a tion and he's been involved with the

tion and he a soften involved was because ever since.

Regardless of how they got involved, all three teens agree that the government is not doing enough to fight AIDS.

"They've spending money on the military and really stupid hings," said Selby, "They've cut back on AIDS care

bills tremendously."

Adishian said this was because, up till

now, AIDS has mostly affected homosea
usis, drug addicts and people of color. \*Our government doesn't care about hose people," she explained. She added that the media were sending





## News and Views of Teenage Life!

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**AIDS** group takes

protest to beep



NEW YORK NEWSDAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1991

## **Protesters Arrested**

Twelve protesters were arrested yesterday after staging a sit-in at the Brooklyn borough president's office to demand that Howard Golden support the Board of Education's plan to make condonis available in 16 high schools.

Blowing whistles and chanting. "AIDS Education on Demand. Howard Golden Take a Stand." and "We Die, Golden Is Silent," the protesters, including seven high school students and five members of ACT UP, called on Golden to push for the board's HIV / AIDS education and condom availability plan despite opposition from board member Irone Impellizzeri. Golden's appointee to the seven-member Board of Educa-

Four juveniles and eight adults were charged with criminal trespassing and obstructing governmental administration, said Sgt. Peter Sweeney, a police spokesman.

- Edna Negron

#### By TOM RAFTERY

pay News Staff Writer

Leaving a trail of condoms. an AIDS protest group briefly seized control of Borough President Howard Golden's office yesterday to protest his Board of Education appointee's stance on school AIDS programs.

Twelve members of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, were arrested in the demonstration.

Golden was elsewhere, attending ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new fishing piers in Sheepshead Bay.

Condom plan on demand, Howard Golden take a stand," the protesters chanted after seizing Golden's offices just off the firstfloor rotunda. They festooned office desks, furniture and rugs with blown-up condoms No vandalism was reported.

We are here to demand that Howard Golden take a stand on the condom plan said one demonstrator, who would not identify herself. "He must immediately speak out in support of Chancellor Fernandez' AIDS education and condom-availability plan s approved by the Board of Education.

"The city's high school students deserve more than silence on AIDS education," she said. "In 1991, AIDS has spread among the city's high school students faster than any other group.

The group charged that Golden's Board of Education

appointee, Irene Impellizzeri, supports only abstinence as the solution to adolescent AIDS transmission and has attempted to gut the AIDS plan

But Golden later said he would "not be influenced or intimidated by disruptive demonstrations or acts of lawlessness by any group or individual.

He said Impellizzeri, whom he appointed to the Board of Education in 1980 on the recommendation of an independent advisory panel, "has impeccable credentials as an educator, including her former position as dean of Brooklyn College's School of Education

"On the issue of AIDS education, including condom availability, Dr. Impellizzeri voted as a matter of her educational judgment and personal conviction," he said.

Police said the demonstrators, aged 15 to 32, got past the downstairs police desk at Borough Hall by posing as members of a high school class that had an appointment to view an exhibit there

It is not unusual for educational groups, such as high school classes, to make such reservations, said a spokesman for Golden, and these requests are usually honored. Once in the door, the "teacher" signed in with a police officer stationed there.





## **AIDS activists** LL for info



#### By VIRGINIA BREEN

Hours before schools Chancellor Ramon Cortines introduced a plan yesterday to allow parents to bar their children from getting condoms in school, young AIDS activists distributed prophysical in school to the levilled by the school of th lactics outside John Jay High School

A half-dozen members of Youth Education Life Line (YELL) handed out hundreds of condoms, tucked inside a folded safe-sex information sheet, to students as they entered the building at 237 Sev-

"If the schools aren't going to do it, we have to do it our-selves," said Kate Barnhart, a freshman at Hampshire College and a spokeswoman for the group. "The bottom line is that students are being treated as property rather than as people."

#### Didn't notice

Most students shoved the condoms into book bags without realizing what they had taken.

There's a condom in here? Oh, that's good," said Ryan Gay, 17. "Y'all should be giving out condoms. Someone should, anyway."

Several students opposed the opt-out proposal on the grounds that it would take away student anonymity.

"Some kids don't tell their parents when they're having sex, and they could still get the condoms," said Tamika Capers, 17.

Nyaisha Emanuel, 16, exressed doubt that any Board of Education policy would affect teen sexual practices.

"It don't matter what the arents or the schools say, kids are gonna do it anyway, she said.

YELL, an organization of college and high school students affiliated with the AIDS activist group ACT UP. plans to continue distributing condoms at outer borough schools every week or so to protest the opt-out program. YELL says the program denies students protection from sexually transmitted dis-

On the legal front, YELL is looking for a student whos parents would prevent him from getting condoms at school to become a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Board of Education.

YELL also plans to join a demonstration by fellow AIDS activists from ACT UP at a Jan. 19 public board meeting.

"Giving most students access to condoms isn't enough," said Barnhart, "All students have a right to live.

NEW YORK NEWSDAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1994

## AIDS Activists Accused Of Censoring Subway Ads

By Joseph A. Gambardello

The subwey sex ad war heated up yesterday, when a Catholic group charged AIDS activists with a censorship campaign of pasting over their ads that say condoms are not a fooiproof

protection against the AIDS virus protection against the ALIS VITUS.
William Donohue, president of the
Catholic League for Religious and Civil
Rights, said the small handbills stuck
to their ads by the Youth Action League of ACT UP appeared to be a concerted underground campaign.

Tito Davila, a Metropolitan Trans-Tito Davila, a Metropolitan Trans-portation Authority spokesman, said that the agency was not sware of a problem with the advertisement, but that standard procedure is to replace any that are defaced.

An ACT UP representative could not be reached for comment.

The Catholic League started its subway campaign June 1 in response to the Gay Men's Health Crisis' "Young, Hot and Safe" advertisements, which urged young people to use condoms and other

protection to prevent AIDS
"Want to the know a dirty little se cret?" the national Catholic organizacret?" the national Carnotic organiza-tion's ad says. "Condoms don't save lives. But restraint does. Only fools think condoms are foolproof. Remember

better safe than sorry. ACT UP's stickers counter: "It's no secret that the Catholic League would coner see you die than use a condom.



NEW YORK NEWSDAY, JULY 4, 1994

### You Want Censorship .

You report that William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, has accused AIDS activists of censoring its subway ads, which claim "condoms don't save lives "AIDS Activists Accused of Censoring Subway Ads," June 25).

YELL, the Youth Education Life Line of ACT UP, created a sticker as a form of direct action to counter the blatant lie put forward by the Catholic League's ad. Our sticker (incorrectly quoted in your article), presents the conclusion of the Federal Centers for Disease Control that condoms, when used consistently and correctly, are highly effec-tive in preventing HIV infection.

Groups like the Catholic League are engaged in a citywide campaign to prevent complete information about HIV prevention from being taught in the public schools. The Gay Men's Health Crisis has been banned from conducting AIDS education workshops in many schools. An anonymous piedge is being distributed calling for the removal of all teachers who "dare" to teach that using clean ne dles or condoms can prevent the spread of HIV. And the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council to the Board of Ed has removed references to condoms, dental dams, oral and anal sex, and lesbian and gay youth from the city's AIDS curriculum. Censorship? The Catholic League need look no further than its own front door.

> Tom Beer Manhattan

## AIDS activists busted for ACTing UP at Ed Board

By JEFF SIMMONS Education Reporter

Three activists were arrested last night after disrupting a Board of Education meeting on a new highschool AIDS curriculum.

About 25 members of ACT UP and its Youth Education Life Line affiliate burst into the Board's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council meeting in Brooklyn, screaming: "Students' lives are on the line. Time for the council to resign."

The activists also held up a sign that read: "Explicit AIDS info saves lives."

The 23-member advisory council is divided over a 128-page draft curriculum on AIDS for 10th-, 11th- and 12th-graders.

Conservative members say it goes too far; liberal members say it doesn't go far enough.

The council has approved courses for younger students, but the one for seventh, eighth- and ninth-graders still needs approval from the central Board of Education.

Board President Carol Gresser said she hopes the curriculum for middleschool students will be adopted in November.

Twelve of the 23 council members sat silently during the five-minute disturbance.

At the end of the protest, school safety officers took four people into custody, including a 15-year-old student who was not charged but was held until her parents were notified.

The three ACT UP members charged with disorderly conduct were identified as Catherine Barnhart, 18, Dara Papo, 21, and Thomas Beer, 28.

The AIDS activists are demanding the resignation of 11 council members whom the protesters consider the conservative faction.

The activists contend the conservatives are watering down the AIDS curriculum.

The activists also are incensed over the conservative faction's push to incorporate the concept of "secondary virginity" — giving youths a chance to start over again after they're sexually active.

After the arrests, Chancellor Ramon Cortines left the building so quickly that his driver ran a red light trying to dodge a pack of reporters.



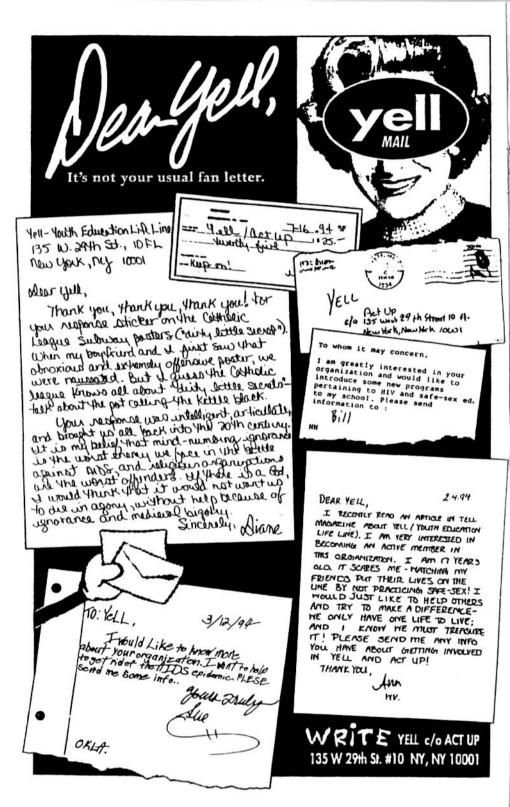






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AIDS/HIV BASIC FACTS:

HIV is the virus generally believed to cause AIDS.

· Anyone can get HIV. It's not who you are, but what you do. HIV can be transmitted from unsafe sex, needle-sharing, mother to fetus, and breastfeeding.

· You can't tell if someone has AIDS by the

way they look.

## emember: Teens are at risk for HIV

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-AIDS NYC Dept. of Health AIDS Hotline (212) 447-8200 Minority Task Force on AIDS (212) 563-8340 Gay Men's Health Crisis (212) 807-6655 Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center (212) 241-7214 H.M.I. for Lesbian and Gay Youth (212) 674-2400 Narcotics Anonymous Helpline (718) 601-5817 Lower East Side Needle Exchange (212) 228-7734 Anonymous Testing (Dept. of Health) (212) 337-8200 SIDA Hotline (en Espanol) (800) 344-7432 Lesbian AIDS Project (212) 337-3531 Bellevue Adolescent HIV/AIDS Clinic (212) 561-6333

Asian & Pac. Isl. Coalition on HIV/AIDS (212) 349-3293



THE DEATH

CORPORATE GREED, GOVERNMENT INACTION, AND PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE MAKE AIDS A POLITICAL CRISIS



## Why have SAFER SEX!

The HIV virus can only be transmitted by exchange of infected blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk. So protect yourself with latex every time.



USE LATEX CONDOMS - natural skin condoms don't protect you.

**USE LATEX OR REGULAR SARAN WRAP** FOR DAMS

USE WATER-BASED LUBE WITH NONOXYNOL 9— spit, baby oil or vaseline on a condom makes it break.

#### NO RISK

- Kissing Hugging
  Talking Sexy
- CaressingVisual Turn-Ons
- Masturbating Abstinence

#### **LOW RISK**

- Vaginal or anal sex with a latex condom and a water-based lube with Nonoxynol 9
- · Sex toys with a condom if you share them
- · Oral sex with a latex barrier

- Any vaginal or anal sex without a condom
  Oral sex without a latex barrier
- · Sharing unclean needles or works

something you don't want to do. It's your

body, your choice.

## DON'T DISCRIMINATE! EDUCATE YOURSE AND DEMAND YOUR RIGHT TO CONDOMS Don't forget: Always use a condom when you fuck, give or get a blow job, or use a dildo, vibrator, and other sex toys. If you can't find condoms in your school, call the High School HIV Resource Center at (718) 935-3900. Never let anyone pressure you into doing

## CONDOMS ARE

Anybody having sex is at risk for getting HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS. Condoms can prevent HIV infection, venereal disease, and unwanted pregnancy when used properly. BE SAFE! STAY HEALTHY! ENJOY SAFER SEX!

Use a condom every time you have sex!

- Hold the tip of the condom to squeeze out the air, to leave room for semen when you cum. Put the condom on the end of the erect penis.
- Keep holding the tip of the condom, and unroll it-all the way down to the hair.
- When you pull out, hold the condom on the penis as you pull out-then roll it off and trash it. (To be extra safe, pull your penis out of your partner before you cum.)







## FIGHT AIDS!

### t mouth to...



Use a condom for blow-jobs.



Use a barrier to cover the vagina or anus.



You can buy latex dental dams, cut open a condom, or use regular Saran Wrap.



You can transmit HIV to your baby through breast feeding. Be aware that there is a 25% chance that you can pass HIV to your baby before birth.

### needles and AIDS:



Don't share needles... even for piercings or tattoos...



...or if you inject drugs or steroids. You can get HIV by sharing needles. cookers, or cotton.



If you must share needles and works. clean with bleach.

Have two water containers: 1. Fill syringe with water from one container.

Wait 30 seconds. Discard water from that container after you put needle in it. You may have infected it. 2. Fill syringe with bleach all the way to the top. Wait 30 seconds. Repeat this step three times. 3. Repeat step 1 with second water container.

## SAFER SEX When you see a latex glove you may not think

of sex. But there's lots of ways to do it (safely!) with a glove.

### Here's how to cut a latex glove:

- 1. Cut the four fingers off but leave the thumb.
- 2. Cut the glove up the side with the pinky.
- 3. Wash the talc off (it tastes bad!).

## Now that you have a latex barrier, here's what to do with it:

Whether you are a guy or a girl, if you want to go down on a woman, spread the cut glove across her vagina and hold it in place while you lick her. The thumb you left on the glove makes it easier for your tongue to do its thing.

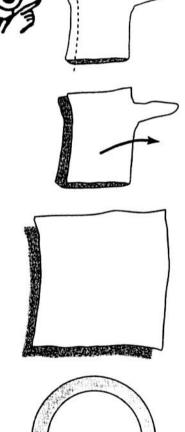
If you're going to lick someone's ass, then stretch your cut glove across the hole before you start.

HIV can be transmitted through tiny cuts on your hands, so whether you're putting just a couple of fingers or your whole fist in your partner's vagina/ass, wear a glove. If you're using just one finger, cut a finger off the glove and wear that.

## If you can't get a latex glove:

Cut a Condom:

Take the rolled up condom and cut to the center. Then unroll it. Unlubed condoms work best (lubricated condoms get messy and lube tastes bad!)





 Don't use any latex twice—throw it out and get a new piece!

peanut butter, and liqueurs) because

they can break down latex.

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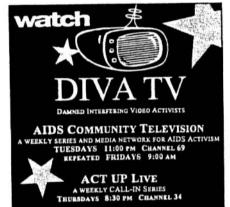




## Girls and Boys can be gay.









FIGHT AIDS!

ACT UP is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. ACT UP/NY meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St.

## youth education life line DEMAND:

- comprehensive, non-judgmental AIDS education for students at all grade levels in all schools.
- free access to condoms and dental dams for all students, with or without parental consent, in both junior and senior high schools.
- needle exchange and drug treatment on demand for teenage injection drug users (IDU's).
- mandatory sensitivity training for all faculty and school staff to help meet the needs of youth who are HIV-positive or at risk for HIV infection.
- an elected student representative on the NYC Board of Education with voting rights to advocate for AIDS education.
- responsible AIDS awareness reporting by all teen-oriented media (e.g. magazines, radio, TV) to provide safer sex and safer drug use information.

# FIGHTAIDS





# hy you should yell

- youth have had no real voice in the AIDS crisis.
- and now, after a "decade of denial," as many as 100,000 NYC teenagers may be infected with HIV, yet we still have no city AIDS policy on youth, and no effective K-12 HIV/AIDS education program.
- AIDS is the leading cause of death for NYC women 25-34 years old, and over 1/3 of all NYC AIDS cases are people 20-29; since the average incubation period for HIV to progress to AIDS is 10.5 years, most of these people were probably infected as teens.
- 80% of teens are sexually active by the time they finish high school, with the average age of first intercourse as low as 11-12 years in some neighborhoods; since they've received little or no AIDS education this sex is often unprotected and high risk for HIV.
- AIDS has become the 6th leading cause of death among 14-23 year olds & the 4th leading cause of death for women 15-24 nationwide, and the number of teenage AIDS cases is doubling every 14 months, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

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You cannot get
HIV/AIDS from:

**Toilet seats** 

Water fountains

Telephones

Sharing food

Swimming pools

Shaking hands

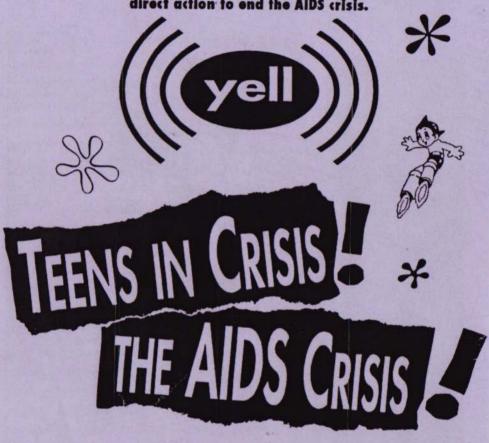
Mosquito bites

Sharing cigarettes

Sharing make-up



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We meet every Wednesday, 6 p.m.



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